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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR A CRYPTOGRAPHICALLY ASSISTED COMMERCIAL NETWORK SYSTEM  
DESIGNED TO FACILITATE IDEA SUBMISSION, PURCHASE AND LICENSING AND INNOVATION TRANSFER**

This application claims priority from each of the following Application Nos./filing dates:  
60/173,170 filed December 27, 1999, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference.

Enclosed are:

- 1 Title page  
 69 page(s) of specification  
 4 page(s) of claims  
 1 page of Abstract  
 34 sheet(s) of  informal drawing(s).

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